(ख) 31 जनवरी, 1996 तक उक्त निगम द्वारा कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई है;

(ग) उक्त धनराशि जिन-जिन मदों पर खर्च की गई है, उनका पूरा ब्यौरा क्या है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी): (क) 1995-96 के दौरान 39 करोड़ रुपए की राशि का बजट रखा गया है तथा 31.1.1996 तक 10 करोड़ रुपए निर्मुक्त किए गए हैं।

इसके अतिरिक्त केरल तथा आन्ध्र प्रदेश सरकारों प्रत्येक द्वारा 10 करोड़ रु० का अंशदान किया गया तथा शेयर पूंजी अंशदान के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश द्वारा 6.95 करोड़ रु० का अंशदान किया गया है।

(ख) 1994-95 में तथा 1995-96 में अब तक निर्मुक्त निधियों में से 31.1.1996 तक 31,87,19,215 रु० की राशि खर्च की गई।

(ग) ब्यौरे निम्नलिखित हैं:

1.	राज्य माध्यम एजेंसियों को ऋण	32,34,146 रुपए
2.	स्टाफ को वेतन तथा मजदूरी	5,51,599 रुपए
3.	लेखा-परीक्षा फीस	10,0004,146 रुपए
4.	विज्ञापन	4,72,275 रुपए
5.	प्रशासनिक व्यय	27,24,394 रुपए
6.	जमा निवेश	17,26,801 रुपए
		31,87,19,215 रुपए

Newspapers Report on Obstructing the sale of Indian Pharmaceuticals in the Gulf Countires

448. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICAL AND FERTLIZERS be pleased to state:

Whether Government's attention has been invited to the news-items published in the Daily Jagaran of February 2, 1996 to the effect that the multi-national companies are obstructing the sale of Indian Pharmaceuticals in the Gulf countries and if so, the facts in this regard and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): The Government's of UAE and Saudi Arabia have prescribed certain criteria for improt of drugs and pharmaceuticals. These are uniformly applicable for supplies from all countries. One of the criteria requires registration in developed countries. The inability of Indian companies to fulfil these conditions of registration has affected the exports.

The Government are activèly pursuing the matter with the UAE and Saudi Arabian Authorities with a view to relaxing the registration criteria which would allow resumption of imports of drugs and pharmaceuticals from India.

Supply of Tool Kits

449. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to State;

(a) how many artisans were supplied with tools kits in the Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra (District-wise) and in Assam during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken to boost this programme in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION) (SHRI VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR): (a) District-wise information is given in Statement-I and Statement-II in respect of Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra and Assam respectively.